

SENATE BILL 914

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 10 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to posting notice regarding TennCare fraud in certain pharmacies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-2603, is amended by adding the following appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) Any pharmacy contracting with TennCare shall post and maintain, in a conspicuous place that is frequently seen by pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, a printed notice regarding reporting TennCare fraud and abuse. The notice shall include, but not be limited to:

(A) A general description of the duties and obligations of a pharmacy contracting with TennCare regarding reporting any suspicion or knowledge of fraud or abuse, including, but not limited to, enrollee fraud or abuse;

(B) Examples of cases that the office of inspector general investigates, including, but not limited to, unreported income or insurance, and overutilization of healthcare services; and

(C) Any other information required through rules promulgated by the bureau of TennCare.

(2) The bureau of TennCare within the department of finance and administration shall notify all pharmacies contracting with TennCare of the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. The bureau of TennCare within the department of finance and administration is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. For purposes of promulgating rules and providing notice, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2015.